

ATTACK BY BANDITS

Prominent Chicago Citizen Killed in Sudan.

MEN FOUGHT DESPERATELY

Bandits Entered Their Cabin and Attacked Them With Axes and Thieves Ransacked the House for Gold, But Failed to Discover Any.

Chicago, May 17.—Word of the death of Lester C. Winterton, as the result of a night attack by native bandits at Wadyhalfa, Sudan, has been received by friends in Chicago. Winterton headed a prospecting party which started from London several months ago for the Sudan.

According to letters just received from Wadyhalfa, Winterton and an assistant named Bowdon were asleep in their hut, the night of March 18, when two native thieves entered the place and attacked them with axes. Winterton and Bowdon fought desperately, but were knocked senseless. The thieves then ransacked the house for gold, and failing to discover any, fled. Bowdon recovered, but Winterton, whose injuries were by far more serious, died on April 11. He was 36 years old.

CITY HALL BUILDING.

Work Being Delayed on Account of Portland Mill Men.

Work on the new city hall building is somewhat delayed by the inability to secure the mouldings and inside finishing lumber, for which a contract was awarded to a Portland firm. The firm has neglected to furnish the material according to contract, giving the preference to Portland contractors. J. E. Ferguson went to Portland yesterday to either have the contract complied with, or purchase the material from some other company. Portland has always discriminated against Astoria in every possible way, except when Astorians visit Portland to spend their money, on Astoria day, or any other day.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Astoria's Only Representative Returns From Pendleton.

The Oregon good roads convention convened in Pendleton this week. The only representative from Clatsop county was County Judge Trenchard, while every other county in the state was well represented. The meeting, says Judge Trenchard, was one of the most harmonious and enthusiastic ever held in the state. There is considerable interest being taken in the several counties of the state in the good roads movement and these meetings are certain to be productive of much good. Judge Trenchard stopped off at Astoria City and was royally entertained by the hospitable people of that city. Mr. Trenchard states that Pendleton is growing and the citizens are all working together to induce home seekers and capital to locate there. Umatilla county will be well advertised at the Lewis and Clark fair and they anticipate that there will be a large immigration to eastern Oregon this summer.

RECEIVER FOR BANKS

Will Take Charge of Defunct Banks of Wilcox & Co.

DEPOSITORS WILL SUFFER

Bank Invested Money in North Carolina Farming Lands Said to Be Fertile, Gently Rolling and Adapted to Fruit Raising and Health Resort.

New York, May 17.—Judge Holt has named A. B. Conkling of this city as receiver for the private banking firm of A. C. Wilcox & Co., which assigned a few days ago. The receiver will take possession of the four branch banks located in the farming village in this state and acquire whatever assets the branches had. Papers found at the main office by the receiver indicated that the branch banks had been utilized as banks of deposit for the little up-state communities and at the same time they provided a means of selling securities the value of which has not yet been ascertained. Some of the literature discovered in the office indicates that \$50,000 in bonds had been issued by one Wilcox concern on a tract of land in North Carolina of 5000 acres which was "gently rolling, sandy soil and adapted for fruit raising or for a health resort."

Besides the health resort the company purposed to "erect a sawmill on the land and cut the timber off a portion of the same and make it into fruit farms. Counsel for the receiver said he would try to discover whether there had been any proceeds from "cutting the timber and making it into fruit farms."

CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Louise Benson, Lad Astray and Sent to Home in Portland.

Assisted by her mother Louise Benson, who lives near Youngs river falls, was committed to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Portland by Judge Trenchard yesterday. A young man named Hoegle is the party accused of attempting to ruin the young girl. Louise has always lived in the country and was not accustomed to the ways of the world. District Attorney Allen filed a complaint against the mother and a man named Johnson for giving liquors to minors. The case came up in the justice court yesterday with closed doors. Hoegle has not been arrested and if apprehended will no doubt get the limit of 20 years in the penitentiary which he deserves. It may not serve as a warning to several other young kids in Astoria, who have no respect for a girl's reputation, but it ought to.

Terrific Race With Death.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and today I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers' drug store; price 50c.

Where are you sick? Headache, foul-tongue, no appetite, lack energy, pain in your stomach, constipation? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 25 cents. Frank Hart's drug store.

DENIES CONFESSION

Retracts Alleged Confession of Denver Strike.

IMPLICATING MINERS UNION

Declares That There Was no Trust in the Statement and That It Was Made in Hope of Securing Freedom and He Was Paid for Confession.

Denver, May 17.—In a letter to a newspaper correspondent of this city made in jail at Topeka, Kan., last September, implicating the Western Federation of Miners in the Independence depot explosion of June 4 of last year, by which 13 miners were killed and a number of others maimed for life, Robert B. Romaine retracted the confession made at the time. Romaine now declares that there was no truth in the statement which he made in the hopes thereby of securing his freedom and the particulars of which were furnished him by a man from Cripple Creek, who visited him in jail. The man gave him \$5 and promised him more money. Romaine is now serving a term in prison at Lansing, Kan., for burglary.

COUNTY TAX LEGAL.

Annual Tax Levy for Court House Purposes Can Be Collected.

Some time ago Judge C. H. Page filed a claim against the county for \$22 which he claimed to have paid for taxes, the amount being the 5 mill tax levy for court house purposes. The claim was rejected by the county court. Attorneys who have examined into the matter are of the opinion that the tax levy was legal, and that the county court has a right to levy it. Acting upon this, the county court will continue to make a tax levy for court house purposes and as soon as there are sufficient funds on hand an effort will be made to inclose the court house, but possibly not on as elaborate plans as was contemplated. The work will probably be done by Astoria contractors by day's labor. It is not probable that any work will be done on it this year.

Works a Hardship.

The street superintendent yesterday fenced up Exchange street east of Ford & Stokes hall to where the Clatsop Mill Company have lumber piled on the street. This is made necessary on account of the dangerous condition of the thoroughfare. It certainly works a hardship on people who live on the street and own property; who are compelled to pay high taxes for maintaining a police and fire department and receive no benefit whatever from it. Not only that, but there are five families living on the street who have children going to school that must either take their children out of school or move to some other location. The property owners have petitioned for the improvement of the street, and are willing to pay the assessment, but the common council is not able to grant their request on account of having about reached its limit of indebtedness.

ARRIVES FROM JAPAN.

Steamship Rapallo Makes Fast Trip From Japan.

The steamship Rapallo, Capt. Hey, master, arrived yesterday morning 17 days from Moji, Japan. She is in ballast and her officers report an uneventful passage. She will load 2,000,000 feet on the Columbia and about the same quantity will be furnished by mills on Puget sound. Rapallo flies the German flag and is one of the largest carriers to load at this port, her length being 400 feet. She is of the tramp type.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Elmore leaves out this morning at 4 o'clock for Tillamook.

The schooner Endeavor is loaded and will arrive down tonight.

The steamer Alliance sails Saturday morning for Eureka via Coos Bay.

The steamships Roanoke and Despatch are due today from San Pedro and way ports.

The steamers Redondo, Aurelia and Northland are expected to leave out tomorrow morning.

Steamship Costa Rica left San Francisco for Astoria yesterday instead of the Oregon.

Steamship Oregon left San Francisco yesterday for Seattle, whence she will proceed to Noms.

The steamer South Bay with a cargo of lumber is scheduled to sail this morning for Los Angeles at 5 o'clock.

The Perdone leaves down this morning and will probably go to sea tomorrow. She carries 51,000 barrels of flour and 612 tons of wheat.

The German ship Carl, which left

Astoria March 4 for Taku, with a cargo of lumber, has arrived safely at her destination. She carried nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber.

Laidlay & Co. yesterday chartered the British steamship Ellerie, 2332 tons, to take a cargo of lumber from Tacoma to Panama. The Ellerie is well known here. She is now in port in Japan.

The steamer Toledo leaves out this morning on its second trip to Grays Harbor. Capt. Arthur Leighton will be in command and J. H. Day goes as first officer. She carries a full cargo of freight.

Advises received yesterday state that the Numantia sailed from Yokohama for Astoria on May 13 with a full cargo. The Aragonia reached Yokohama on the outward trip a couple of days earlier.

The steamer Sheridan arrived in from San Francisco last evening. She had 20 passengers for this place, and after landing them and their baggage she left for Portland. Capt. Kelly reports head winds.

There is a dearth of river pilots at present, every one working, and if the Sheridan would have wanted to go up the river last night she would have been rhy a pilot, as there was no one here. Capt. Betts, the last man out, having gone on the Rapallo.

Word was received yesterday to the effect that the German cargo ship Oregon, en route from Antwerp to this port, put in to Valparaiso recently because of being short of provisions, and not because of having sustained damage in a storm as previously reported.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Occident.

J. Simpson, Seaside.
K. B. Hare, Chicago.
R. A. Seaborg, Seattle.
J. O. Hanthorn, Portland.
Jas. A. Lavitt, Portland.
J. O. Booth, Grants Pass.
P. Storey, Portland.
C. W. Dimmarsh, Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Mills, Buffalo.
C. H. Pearson and wife, Ogden.
H. M. Leonard and wife, Nevada.
C. H. Gillette and wife, Colorado.
C. H. Walcott and wife, Wyoming.
Mrs. VanTassel, Wyoming.
W. B. Paige, Portland.
J. F. Burns and wife, Wyoming.
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For over fifteen years I have suffered more or less from Impure Blood. About a year ago I had a boil appear on my leg below the knee, which was followed by three more on my neck. I saw S. S. S. advertised and decided to try it. After taking three bottles all Boils disappeared and I have not been troubled any since. Geo. G. FARRIS. 114 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.

Newark, Ohio, May 23, 1905. From childhood I had been bothered with bad blood, skin eruptions and boils. I had boils ranging from five to twenty in number each season. The burning accompanying the eruption was terrible. S. S. S. seemed to be just the medicine needed in my case. It drove out all impurities and bad blood, giving me permanent relief from the skin eruption and boils. This has been ten years ago, and I have never had a return of the disease. Mrs. J. D. AYERSTON.

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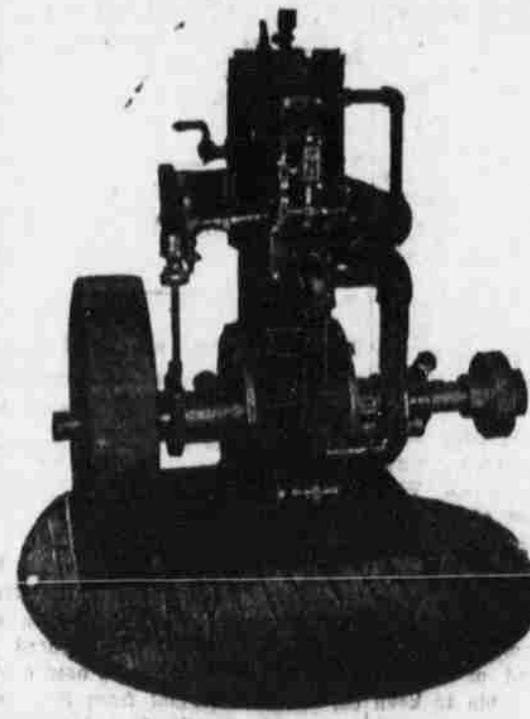
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